

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 116

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Tennessee's First Lady Crissy Haslam on her recent recognition by the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are honored to recognize those individuals who dedicate themselves to serving the needs of this State and its citizens, committing their time and energies to improving the quality of life for Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is First Lady Crissy Haslam, a sterling and accomplished individual, a respected leader, and a beacon of inspiration to many throughout the State of Tennessee. First Lady Haslam was recently recognized by the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women for her many contributions; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women is a grassroots, volunteer political group which works throughout the State to promote Republican values and help Republican candidates gain election to office; and

WHEREAS, a native of Houston, Texas, First Lady Haslam moved with her family to Memphis, where she attended St. Mary's Episcopal School before matriculating to Emory University; and

WHEREAS, First Lady Haslam graduated with a double major in finance and marketing from Emory's College of Business in 1980, after which she married Bill Haslam and moved to Knoxville in 1981; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the importance of education, First Lady Haslam earned a Master of Science degree in education from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville while working as the institution's assistant director of admissions; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her service as the First Lady of Tennessee, First Lady Haslam has served on a number of civic and community boards, and she currently serves as the chair of the Tennessee Executive Residence Foundation and Commission; and

WHEREAS, in her efforts to improve Tennessee's foundation in education, First Lady Haslam has recently dedicated much of her time and energies to promoting her three-part initiative, which focuses on the interplay between family engagement and literacy improvement, traveling the State to stress the importance of parents as first teachers and as educational partners, and to raise awareness for the exponential value of reading on level by grade three; and

WHEREAS, First Lady Haslam also co-chairs the Children's Cabinet with her husband, Governor Bill Haslam. The Children's Cabinet has as its focus the issues of children's mental and physical health, education, safety, and overall well-being; and

WHEREAS, First Lady Haslam is an inspiration to all who know her, and her dedication to improving the lives of Tennesseans and her sterling service as our First Lady are worthy of recognition by this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize First Lady Crissy Haslam for her many contributions, applaud her tireless service to the State of Tennessee and its citizens, commend her on her recent recognition by the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women, and extend our best wishes for her every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.